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Our 40th Anniversary

We started in 1974, not really knowing what the future would hold for our City, or specifically, for black film. Those of us who are now charter members of the Newark Black Film Festival (NBFF) were committed as much to sustaining the black film genre as we were to making sure that Newark would make its mark on that genre. And why not? Newark had already become important to the Black Arts Movement, to entertainment, and to a vivid protest against injustice. Early on, we knew Newark was important to everything having to do with the black aesthetic, yet the ranks of the selection committee were diverse, comprised of diligent individuals, indeed civic stewards, who were not bound by a common heritage or life experience. Those early years were very good in the life of a young cultural contribution to this community's sense of itself and its need for fellowship.

With this 40th year, sentimentality is permitted and memories matter. I vividly remember the hours and days when we screened film after film, considered screening theme after theme, speaker after speaker, as we worried if our efforts would be sustainable over time. We wanted the NBFF to reflect well upon the known world of black life, revealed in hundreds of memorable films that then and now have their way with our imagination.

Our perseverance over a very long period of time has been matched by a tenacious fealty from our audiences, which includes a cross section of citizens and settlers from a vast metropolis of which Newark is the center. The good news of the NBFF made its way into the civic activities of those whom we would see year after year. From the Festival's inception, we envisioned it as a quintessential journey into the black experience through multiple lenses and film genres. Within a few years, it became clear that our patrons came at once from that experience and from experiences nearby. In that sense, the NBFF speaks to and from the larger human experience of determination, survival, beauty, pathos, courage, elegance, rhythm, style and the blues.

Among our proudest achievements is that we have kept alive the memory of Paul Robeson, whom we adopted early on as a patron saint of the black film movement. We did so through the Paul Robeson Awards, which remains a very important part of the Festival's ritual of recognition and service. We also believe that the NBFF, as filmmaker Warrington Hudlin observed many years ago, is still the nation's best harbor for the presentation of the story of black people committed to film. That distinction has less to do with those of us who tirelessly think about what to screen and what not to. That distinction arises out of a community that is respectful of its history, culture and memory, and its determination to keep on keeping on.

During this anniversary year, we remember special friends, Samuel C. Miller, Newark Museum Director Emeritus, Paul Robeson, Jr., and Amiri Baraka, former New Jersey Poet Laureate, and we dedicate this season to them.

Happy 40th Anniversary Newark Black Film Festival.

Clement Alexander Price

Clement Alexander Price, Ph.D.

Newark Black Film Festival Charter Member

June 2014

The Festival has screened some 800 films, before more than 180,000 adults and children.

FESTIVAL SUPPORT

The Newark Black Film Festival has received special funding from Bank of America.

Co-presenters include the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT); The Newark Public Library; the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience-Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey/Newark, and CityPlex 12 Newark.

The Festival is organized by the Newark Museum, located at 49 Washington Street in Newark's Downtown/Arts District.

All screenings are FREE TO THE PUBLIC. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Once the theater is filled to capacity, additional seating cannot be provided. Group seating is limited to two groups of 25 for each screening. To reserve group seating, call 973.596.6550. Group seating will be held 15 minutes prior to screening.

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SCREENING LOCATIONS

Newark Museum
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973.596.6550

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Kuphrian Hall
99 Summit Street, Newark, NJ 07102
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5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102
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973.642.5555

If you are interested in learning more about film sources or other programs at the Newark Museum, call 973.596.6550, or visit newarkmuseum.org.

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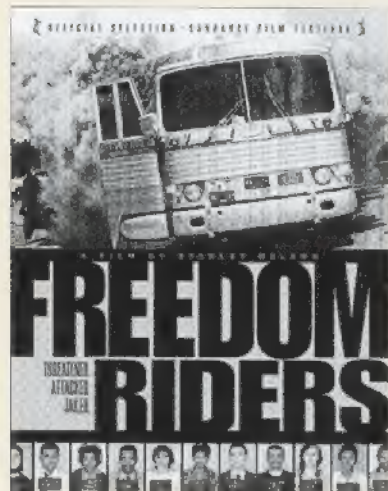
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June 25, 7 pm
Newark Museum

BLACK LEADERS/BLACK IDEAS
Freedom Riders



Part of the film series, *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*, this film chronicles the story behind hundreds of civil rights activists called the Freedom Riders who challenged racial segregation and brought it to national attention. 2010, 120 mins.

Speaker: **Junius Williams**, Director of the Abbott Leadership Institute, Rutgers University/Newark.

Hosts: **Dr. Clement Alexander Price & Gloria Hopkins Buck**

Opening Reception

5:30 pm:
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at the Newark Museum.

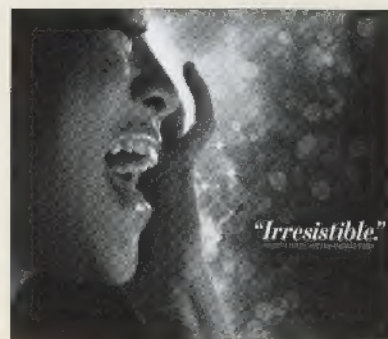
RSVP to 973.596.6550 or
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Visit newarkmuseum.org for film details, speakers, hosts, and venue updates.



July 2, 7 pm
Newark Museum

WOMEN AND THEIR VOICES
20 Feet From Stardom

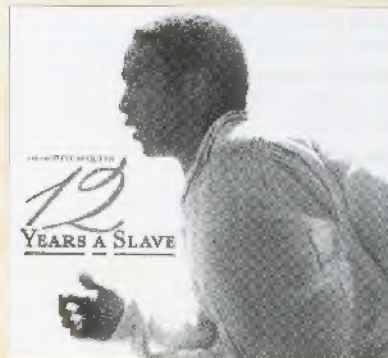


This Academy Award-winning documentary shines a spotlight on the untold, true story of backup singers behind some of the greatest musical legends of the 21st century. 2013, 89 mins.

Speaker: **Ednah Holt**, Singer/Songwriter, Actress
Host: **Leon Denmark**

July 9, 7 pm
CityPlex 12 Theatre

FREEDOM ON MY MIND
12 Years A Slave



This Academy Award-winning film adaptation of the 1853 memoir by Solomon Northup, a NY state-born free African-American man who was kidnapped in Washington, D.C. in 1841, and sold into slavery. 2013, 134 mins.

Speaker: **Nell I. Painter**, Historian, Artist
Host: **Wilma J. Grey**

July 16, 7 pm
New Jersey Institute of Technology

BROTHERS BEHIND THE CAMERA
Big Words



Members of a once-promising hip-hop group, now in their late 30's, struggle with regret, disappointment and change on election night 2008. 2013, 93 mins.

Speaker: **Neil Drumming**, Filmmaker
Host: **Ralph H. Waller**

July 23, 7 pm
Newark Museum

SISTERS BEHIND THE CAMERA
Moms Mabley: I Got Somethin' to Tell You



Whoopi Goldberg takes a look at the work and influence of African American stand-up comedienne Moms Mabley, featuring recently unearthed photographs, performance footage, and the words of entertainers and historians. 2013, 90 mins.

Speaker: **Penwah**, Actress, Comedian
Host: **Lisa Payne**

July 30, 7 pm
CityPlex 12 Theatre

PAUL ROBESON AWARDS

4:30 pm: Reception & Award Ceremony
973.596.6550 or rsvpnewarkmuseum.org.

Long Documentary

• Winner

Hate Crimes in the Heartland

Filmmaker/Director: Rachel V. Lyon
Producers: Rachel V. Lyon & Pi-Isis Ankhra. 2013, 51:18 mins.

• Honorable Mention

The Hill

Filmmaker/Director: Lisa Molomot
Producers: Lisa Molomot & Jacob Bricca. 2013, 60 mins.

Short Documentary

• Winner

The Rink

Filmmakers/Producers: Sarah Friedland & Ryan Joseph. 2013, 55 mins.

• Honorable Mention

Tar Baby Jane

Filmmaker/Director/Producer: Gregory Scott Williams Jr.; Executive Producer: Seith Mann. 2013, 23:06 mins.

Long Narrative

• Winner

The Bicycle

Filmmaker/Producer/Director: James Richards. 2014, 72 mins.

• Honorable Mention

For the Cause

Filmmaker/Producer/Director: Katherine Nero. 2013, 88 mins.

Short Narrative

• Winner

Barbasol

Filmmaker/Producer/Director: Ralph Scott; Producer: Kiara C. Jones. 2013, 22 mins.

• Honorable Mention

Rebecca's Story

Filmmaker: The Youth of Witness Project
Producers: Morgan Biles & Ginger Theisen; Directors: Haresh Bhagwan, Kwesi Hcher, Teng Mohammed. 2013, 12:42 mins.

Hosts: **Mary Sue Price & Richard Wesley**

YOUTH CINEMA (Mondays & Wednesdays)

Monday, July 7, 10:30 am
The Newark Public Library

Wednesday, July 9, 1 pm
Newark Museum

Ages 4–12, 65 mins.

Mrs. Katz and Tush

Finding a kitten without a tail leads to a lasting friendship. *30 mins.*

Chicken Sunday

After her grandmother dies, a young girl becomes attached to her neighbors. *13 mins.*

Flossie & the Fox

Plucky Flossie Finley asks a clever fox to deliver a basket of eggs. *11 mins.*

Sule and the Case of the Tiny Sparks

Ten-year-old Sule helps other kids solve the meaning of proverbs. *11 mins.*

Monday, July 14, 10:30 am
The Newark Public Library

Wednesday, July 16, 1 pm
Newark Museum

Rated G, 90 mins.

Ruby Bridges



Ruby Bridges stepped into history, becoming the first black student to attend an all-white public school in New Orleans.

Monday, July 21, 10:30 am
The Newark Public Library

Wednesday, July 23, 1 pm
Newark Museum

Ages 4–10, 53 mins.

The Journey of Henry Box Brown



Learn why and how Henry Box Brown mailed himself to freedom. *28 mins.*

Roberto: The Insect Architect

A termite travels to the big city to follow his dream. *11 mins.*

Honey...Honey...Lion!

An African honey guide bird teaches a lesson about sharing. *9 mins.*

Yo! Yes?

Two lonely boys brought together with simple words "Yo!" answered by the other one's "Yes?" and the bounce of a basketball. *5 mins.*

Monday, July 28, 10:30 am
The Newark Public Library

Wednesday, July 30, 1 pm
Newark Museum

Rated G, 95 mins.

Labou

Young friends discover adventure beyond their wildest imagination.

Wednesday, August 6, 1 pm
Newark Museum

Ages 5–12, 55 mins.

The Pied Piper

Find out if the mysterious Pied Piper has a trick up his sleeve. *30 mins.*

Wormhead

Jessie learns a lesson about accepting people as they are. *13 mins.*

Lincoln and Douglass

A story of the unusual friendship between two great American leaders. *12 mins.*

Wednesday, August 13, 1 pm
Newark Museum

Rated G, 81 mins.

Pocahontas II

One courageous girl bridges the gap between two cultures.

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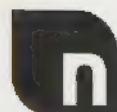


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